

DIARY NOTES

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21 October 1957

1. I telephoned Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, to discuss Mr. Scoyen's letter which states that the Park Service is over one million dollars short of funds in connection with the construction of the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway to Langley. Arranged to have lunch with him on Friday to consider the matter further. (Subsequently postponed to 31 October.)

2. Stan Grogan stopped by with Mr. Donald M. Bernard, newly appointed Vice President for Public Affairs at the Washington Post and Times Herald. Mr. Bernard stated that his job did not involve public relations and explained that it was one wherein he tried to assist Government agencies (federal, state, city, and county) with some of the problems which they encountered in the development of the environs of Washington. He reviewed the difficulties which the Atomic Energy Commission was having in accomplishing its move to Germantown and offered his assistance in helping us with our move to Langley. I reviewed with him the locations of the residences of our people and said that I did not think we had a similar problem inasmuch as our advanced planning seemed to be adequate to meet our needs. However, I expressed our appreciation for his offer and assured him that I would get in touch with him in the event that anything came up wherein he could be of assistance.

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3. [REDACTED] of the Management Staff was in to say goodbye (his retirement is effective at the end of the month) and also to discuss with me my conversation with General [REDACTED] concerning his record of performance. He said that he did not want to leave with the impression that his services had been substandard and went to great length to explain how he had been responsible for setting up the procedures for our entire insurance program, the cost production system in the Printing Services Division, Office of Logistics, present payroll practices, courier systems, etc. He commented, however, that he didn't usually contribute very much to the weekly report prepared by the Management Staff inasmuch as he believed in settling these things with the people concerned and not in writing unnecessary paper. I told him that I was willing to accept his version of his performance (as long as he didn't withdraw his resignation) and that I had nothing but the warmest of feelings toward him personally. He left without any indication that he would make any attempt to withdraw his retirement papers.